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TAGS: SHUM, PINS, ICRC, AR

SUBJECT: CLANDESTINE PRISONERS IN ARGENTINA

REF: GENEVA 13502

1. [REDACTED] - ENTIRE TEXT'

2. REFTEL REPORTED THAT [REDACTED]

WOULD APPROACH GOA IN CONTEXT OF FOLLOW-UP TO LIST OF
DISAPPEARED.

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3. WE NOW HAVE RECEIVED REPORTS, AS YET UNVERIFIED,
THAT A CAMP IN THE SOUTHWEST OF ARGENTINA APPARENTLY

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ARGENTINA PROJECT (S200000044)

U.S. DEPT. OF STATE, A/RPS/IPS

Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

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Exemption(s): B1

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USED TO DETAIN CHILEANS MAY ALSO HAVE BEEN USED TO HOLD SOME FEW OF THE ARGENTINE DISAPPEARED. THEREFORE, SUGGEST THAT YOU APPROACH [REDACTED] ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

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-- OUR EMBASSIES HAVE RECEIVED A VARIETY OF REPORTS THAT THERE ONCE WAS--AND POSSIBLY MAY STILL BE--A DETENTION CENTER IN RIO NEGRO PROVINCE ON ROUTE 22 BETWEEN THE TOWNS OF GENERAL ROCA AND ALLEN;

-- ACCORDING TO THESE REPORTS, THIS CAMP ONCE HELD OVER 400 CHILEANS, WHO WERE REPATRIATED TO CHILE WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE ICRC IN MARCH OR APRIL OF THIS YEAR;

-- OUR SOURCES HAVE ALSO REPORTED THE REPATRIATED CHILEANS STATE THAT THEY SAW A HANDFUL OF DISAPPEARED ARGENTINES IN THE CAMP. WE ARE UNABLE TO JUDGE THE RELIABILITY OF THIS REPORT, BUT WE FEEL AN OBLIGATION TO FOLLOW UP;

-- IF THE RED CROSS WAS, AS REPORTED, INVOLVED IN THE REPATRIATION OF CHILEANS FROM THIS CAMP, COULD ITS DELEGATE IN CHILE CONTACT FORMER IMMATES OF THE CAMP TO TRY TO CONFIRM OR REFUTE THE REPORT THAT ARGENTINES WERE BEING HELD IN THE CAMP? DOES THE ICRC BELIEVE THAT THE CAMP MAY STILL BE FUNCTIONING AS A DETENTION CENTER FOR ARGENTINES?

-- FINALLY, DEPENDING ON WHAT THE ICRC LEARNS, COULD THE DELEGATE IN ARGENTINA BE INSTRUCTED TO FOLLOW UP WITH THE GOA? VANCE

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